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Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting: Improving Public Safety Communications in
the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 02-55**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, this is to notify you that the undersigned, on behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc. ("Southern") spoke by telephone today with Shellie Blakeney of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. I discussed CTIA's Motion for Extension of Time in the above-referenced proceeding, stated that Southern supports the Motion, and otherwise advocated for an extension of time to file comments and reply comments in response to the Supplemental Comments of the Consensus Parties.

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, one copy of this notice is being filed electronically with the Commission. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Christine M. Gill

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cc: Shellie Blakeney